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## **Governor Snyder Calls for Tougher Lead Standards**

[Snyder proposes tougher regulations for lead in water](#)

By Chad Livengood, Detroit News 04/15/16 4:26 PM

Michigan water utilities would be required to test annually for lead and copper in all schools, day care centers, nursing homes and government meeting facilities under new regulations Gov. Rick Snyder's administration proposed Friday in response to Flint's lead contamination crisis. Snyder's proposed regulations would lower the threshold for taking action when lead exceeds 10 parts per billion in drinking water by 2020, adopting the World Health Organization's standard. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires action when lead levels exceed 15 parts per billion.

### Snyder pushes for toughest lead test rules in U.S.

Paul Egan & Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 04/15/16 3:58 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder on Friday endorsed a committee plan Friday to introduce stricter statewide guidelines for lead levels in Michigan drinking water, in response to the Flint drinking water crisis. But there were immediate concerns raised that the proposal -- which among other changes would lower the limit for lead in drinking water to 10 parts per billion from the current federal standard of 15 parts per billion -- does not go far enough.

### Michigan urges toughest lead rules in U.S. after Flint water crisis

By Chicago Tribune 04/15/16 2:57 PM

Michigan would have the toughest lead-testing rules in the nation and require the replacement of all underground lead service pipes in the state under a sweeping plan that Gov. Rick Snyder and a team of water experts unveiled Friday in the wake of Flint's water crisis.

### Michigan governor proposes tougher lead rules post-Flint

By Tim Devaney, The Hill 04/15/16 12:29 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder is proposing stricter water regulations in response to the Flint water crisis. Snyder is setting new lead and copper testing standards he says will ensure clean water for the state's residents. "The federal law is dumb and dangerous and the point is to set a higher standard faster," Snyder said Friday during a Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee meeting, according to reports.

### Michigan urges toughest lead rules in U.S. after Flint crisis

By CBS News 04/15/16 11:47 AM

Michigan would have the toughest lead-testing rules in the nation and require the replacement of all underground lead service pipes in the state under a sweeping plan that Gov. Rick Snyder and a team of water experts unveiled Friday in the wake of Flint's water crisis. Other proposals include requiring utilities to test all schools, day care centers, nursing homes and similar facilities -- not just some people's houses -- and the mandatory disclosure of lead plumbing in home sales and rental contracts.

## Will Michigan's tough lead plan win Flint residents' trust?

By Max Lewontin, Christian Science Monitor 4/15/16

Michigan would have the toughest rules in the nation for testing lead levels in its water supply under a sweeping plan unveiled Friday by Gov. Rick Snyder. "Michigan will lead the rest of the country in terms of addressing lead as a problem," Snyder said as he introduced the plan before a meeting of the Flint Interagency Coordinating Committee at the University of Michigan's Flint campus, the Detroit Free Press reports.

## **Health & Lead Exposure**

### Baby teeth could be key to tracking Flint lead exposure

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 04/15/16 3:03 PM

The state's top public health official said collecting and studying the baby teeth of Flint children could help medical experts determine how many Flint kids have been exposed to lead during the city's drinking water crisis. Michigan Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyons told the Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee on Friday, April 15, that collecting and analyzing the teeth of Flint children could help medical professionals determine the extent of lead exposure.

### Detroit's health chief: Screen all children for lead

By Ann Zaniwski & Lori Higgins, Detroit Free Press 04/15/16 10:03 AM

A drinking fountain in one Detroit school spewed water with lead levels that are 100 times higher than what's considered an actionable level by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, part of series of test results that has prompted the city's top health officer to advise that all kids be screened for lead.

### Rain, Melting Snow Causes Sewage to Flow Into Flint River

By Ada Carr, Weather.com 04/15/16 12:00 AM

Rain and melting snow forced the Water Pollution Control facility in Flint, Michigan, to release sewage and stormwater into the city's river earlier this week, and health officials are warning residents to stay away from it. The excess flows created by the wet weather filled the facility's

storage basin to capacity, which led officials to empty the water into the river, reports MLive.com. Flint received rain and snow this week as an area of low pressure moved through southern Canada, near the Great Lakes region, according to weather.com meteorologist Linda Lam.

## **Politics**

### Upton Committee Holds Forward Looking Hearing on Flint Water Crisis

By RealEstateRama, 04/15/16

Congressman Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, today led a congressional hearing on the Flint Water Crisis, and how we can move forward. The hearing, “Flint Water Crisis: Impacts and Lessons Learned,” was held before the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy and the Subcommittee on Health. “The tragic situation in Flint has captured the attention of the nation. The events that unfolded are unacceptable, and sadly there were missteps at all levels of government,” said Upton.

### Congressman calls on Black Lives Matter to make Flint a priority

By Tatyana Hopkins, MSR News 04/15/16

Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings, whose merciless interrogation of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder at a recent congressional hearing on the ongoing Flint water crisis has drawn over 100,000 viewers on Youtube, said the Black Lives Matter movement needs to be in Flint because Snyder, Michigan Republicans and the governor’s supporters do not care about the lives of the residents of the mostly Black city.

## **Mayor and Dr. Hanna-Attisha: Interest in Crisis is Waning**

### Flint doctor says leaders losing 'sense of urgency' over water crisis

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 04/15/16 11:36 PM

The pediatrician who helped expose rising lead levels in some Flint children said she is growing frustrated with the speed of help coming to the city in the midst of its ongoing water crisis. Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha asked the Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee on Friday, April 15, to pass a resolution urging state and federal lawmakers to expedite supplemental funding to the city to help combat the effects of elevated lead levels in the city's water system.

### Mayor Weaver: National focus on Flint has waned

By Chad Livengood & Keith Laing, Detroit News 04/15/16 2:04 PM

Mayor Karen Weaver said Friday she's concerned the national focus on Flint's lead-contamination crisis has waned in the past month and put at risk a multimillion-dollar aid package for the city's recovery.

## **Other News & Opinions**

### Every lead service line in Michigan would be replaced under Gov. Rick Snyder-backed plan

By Emily Lawler, MLIVE 04/15/16 3:31 PM

Every lead service line in the state would be slated for long-term replacement under a plan proposed today at a meeting of the Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee and backed by Gov. Rick Snyder.

### Flint to Gov. Snyder on drinking tap water: You first

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 04/15/16 3:01 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder said Friday he wants Flint residents to start drinking more filtered water out of their taps, instead of bottled water. But many Flint residents don't trust the tap water – even with a filter – and want to see Snyder drinking it first. "I'm happy to look into that," Snyder told reporters in Flint on Friday.

### Threat of environmental injustice extends beyond Flint water crisis

By Ted Roelofs, MLIVE 04/15/16 12:58 PM

About a year ago Grand Rapids resident Myichelle Mays, 25, picked up her young son, De'Mari, now 4, from a sitter, and immediately knew something was wrong. De'Mari, who had been diagnosed with asthma just before his first birthday, "was gasping for air," she recalled. "He couldn't breathe. You could hold him and hear the wheezing. I freaked out."

## Money in the Water: Legal Sharks from NYC Recruit Clients for Flint Lawsuits

By Deadline Detroit 04/15/16 10:16 AM

Predictably, and perhaps beneficially for affected residents, Flint is a magnet for out-of-state lawyers. "Attorneys are swarming around Flint – advertising, holding public meetings and even hosting clinics where adults and children can have their blood tested.," Michigan Radio reporter-producer Steve Carmody says in a three-minute report. "Anyone who shows up is handed a form asking if they want a lawyer."

## I'm an environmental reporter from Flint. Even I ignored the water crisis story.

By Talia Buford, Washington Post 04/15/16 5:00 AM

I shouldn't have missed the story of lead-contaminated water in Flint, Mich. Not because I'm an environmental reporter, but because my mom told me what was happening there and I didn't listen. I tell people's stories for a living. Our team at the Center for Public Integrity spent most of 2015 looking for examples of environmental discrimination — communities of color that sat next to sewage plants, pesticide-covered fields or noxious landfills.

## **Donations & Aid**

### Gov. Snyder says he'll ask Congress for Flint water crisis help

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 04/15/16 12:55 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder says he'll ask Congressional leaders to reboot a federal funding package for the Flint water crisis that's stalled in Washington.

### Credit Unions Rally for Flint

By Peter Strozniak, Credit Union Times 04/15/16

The 25,000-square-foot headquarters of the \$406 million Security Credit Union sits across the street from the Flint River and about a half mile from the water treatment plant of the city of Flint, Mich. Over the last several months, this small, struggling industrial city has been the subject of national headlines due to high hazardous levels of lead in its water system.

Flint sending water statements, not water bills

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 04/15/16 8:30 AM

Flint residents will not be a water bill next week. But instead, they'll get a statement showing a state credit. The state gave Flint \$30 million to help city residents who've been unable to drink the water since April 2014. Flint CFO Jody Lundquist expects some confusion when people open what they expect is a bill, but instead will show the state credit.

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